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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Canceled)

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A hydraulically-driven vehicle as claimed in claim 6, wherein said hydraulic motor (2) is a variable displacement hydraulic motor, and a maximum tilt angle of the hydraulic motor (2) is changeable.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A hydraulically-driven vehicle as claimed in claim 2, wherein said maximum tilt angle is adjusted in accordance with an electronic control.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A hydraulically-driven vehicle as claimed in claim 2, wherein a minimum tilt angle of said hydraulic motor (2) is adjusted in accordance with an electronic control.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A hydraulically-driven vehicle as claimed in any one of claims 2 - 4 or 6, wherein the hydraulically driven vehicle is provided with a selecting means for selecting whether or not said change of said hydraulic motor (2) is executed.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A hydraulically-driven vehicle, comprising:

a hydraulic motor (2); and

a switching means for changing a maximum driving force of the hydraulic motor (2) in order to obtain efficient performance of the hydraulically-driven vehicle in any working condition thereof,

said hydraulic motor (2) being driven by oil pressure discharged from a hydraulic pump (1) to propel said hydraulically-driven vehicle, and said switching means being switched by an operator of said hydraulically-driven vehicle during operation of said hydraulically-driven vehicle in order to obtain efficient performance of said hydraulically-driven vehicle in the working conditions being encountered by said hydraulically-driven vehicle, said hydraulic motor being driven in a continuous stepless manner.